GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CHAIRMAN OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments have filled up the post of Chairmen of Human Rights Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has issued any guidelines to the State Governments to fill up the said posts in their respective State; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the State Governments thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): The following State Human Rights Commissions have filled up the post of Chairperson:
1. Assam 2. Andhra Pradesh 3. Jammu & Kashmir 4. Kerala 5. Madhya Pradesh 6. Manipur 7. Orissa 8. Rajasthan 9. Tamil Nadu 10. West Bengal 11. Gujarat.

The post of Chairperson is vacant in the following State Human Rights Commissions:

1. Chhattisgarh 2. Himachal Pradesh 3. Maharasthra 4. Punjab 5. Bihar 6. Karnataka 7. Uttar Pradesh.

(c) to (d): As per Section 21 of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993, the State Governments may constitute a Human Rights Commission in their respective States, which includes appointments of Chairperson and Members. Hence, it is for the State Governments to set up State Human Rights Commission (SHRC) in their respective State and appoint Chairperson and Members in terms of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993. However, the Central Government has issued advisories from time to time to all those States which have not set up State Human Rights Commission to set up SHRC at the earliest.

(e): As indicated at (a) & (b) above.